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SUBJECT: SECURITY SERVICES AT GOOSE BAY AIRPORT

1. THE USAF DETACHMENT AT GOOSE BAY HAS BEEN ADVISED BY LOCAL AUTHORITIES THAT NEWFOUNDLAND PROVINCIAL LAW PROHIBITS EMPLOYEES OF LICENSED SECURITY GUARD COMPANIES FROM CARRYING FIREARMS IN THE PERFORMANCE OF THEIR DUTIES. SINCE UNARMED GUARDS ARE UNACCEPTABLE TO MAC, THE REQUIREMENT FOR SECURITY GUARD SERVICES HAS BEEN DELETED FROM REQUESTS FOR PROPOSALS TO CONTRACTORS SINCE 30 SEP 77 WHEN CURRENT CONTRACT FOR THESE SERVICES EXPIRED. SINCE UNCLASSIFIED

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CONTRACT EXPIRATION, ARMED SECURITY PROTECTION HAS BEEN PROVIDED THROUGH TDY OF USAF SECURITY POLICE PERSONNEL FROM THE 438 MAW, MCGUIRE. THIS PRACTICE CONSTITUTES AN UNACCEPTABLE DRAIN ON USAF FUNDS AND MANPOWER.

2. APPENDIX C OF THE 1 OCTOBER 76 MEMORANDUM OF UNDER-STANDING REGARDING THE SUPPORT OF USAF (MAC) AT GOOSE BAY AIRPORT BETWEEN THE DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORT OF CANADA AND THE UNITED STATES AIR FORCE MILITARY AIRLIFT COMMAND PROVIDES THAT USAF WILL "PROVIDE CONTRACTOR FOR SECURITY SERVICES REQUIRED BY USAF IN EXCESS OF NORMAL AIRPORT SECURITY PROVIDED BY DOT. USAF WILL ENSURE THAT ANY CONTRACTOR RETAINED MEETS LICENSING REQUIREMENTS OF THE

PROVINCE OF NEWFOUNDLAND." THE MOU FURTHER PROVIDES THAT MOT WILL "PROVIDE NORMAL AIRPORT SECURITY SERVICE AND ENFORCEMENT OF THE AIRPORT VEHICLE CONTROL REGULATIONS ON THE AIRSIDE."

- 3. IT IS OUR VIEW THAT THE PROVINCIAL RESTRICTION ON THE CARRYING OF FIREARMS BY CONTRACTOR PERSONNEL EFFECTIVELY NULLIFIES THE USAF RIGHT TO PROVIDE GREATER THAN NORMAL SECURITY SERVICES THROUGH PRIVATE CONTRACTORS. IT IS ALSO OUR VIEW THAT NORMAL SECURITY SERVICES PROVIDED BY DOT SHOULD ALREADY INCLUDE ARMED GUARDS FOR THE PROTECTION OF USAF AND CANADIAN PROPERTY, THUS MAKING PROVISION OF SUCH SERVICES BY USAF UNNECESSARY.
- 4. REQUEST EMBASSY APPROACH DEPT OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS WITH THE PROBLEM. MAC HAS INDICATED THAT SECURITY PROVIDED BY ROYAL CANADIAN MOUNTED POLICE WOULD BE ACCEPTABLE IF SUFFICIENT NUMBERS WERE ASSIGNED TO GOOSE BAY AIRPORT. IF GOC UNABLE TO PROVIDE RCMP, GOC UNCLASSIFIED

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INTERCESSION WITH NEWFOUNDLAND AUTHORITIES APPEARS NECESSARY TO CARRY OUT INTENT OF AGREEMENT. VANCE

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